

REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action & Formalities

Status of Claims

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant is amending claims 1 and 7 and adding new claims 13 and 14. No new matter is added.

Claim to Foreign Priority

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim to foreign priority and for confirming that the certified copy of the priority document was received.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing some of the references listed on form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 27, 2004.

However, Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to initial by the items listed in the "Non Patent Literature" section of form PTO/SB/08 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 27, 2004.

Claim Rejections - § 112

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for the reason set forth at page 2 of the Office Action. Applicant is amending the claims to overcome this rejection.

Art Rejections

1. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 10-175230.
2. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 10-175230.

Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. Claims 1-5 In View Of JP 10-175230.

In rejecting claims 1-5 in view of JP 10-175230, the grounds of rejection state:

'230 discloses : Regarding Claim(s) 1, a system for molding and assembling the system comprising two multi-cavity molds for molding two different parts of the fluid dispenser device, the system being characterized in that the first part is a spray head and the second part is an insert for assembling in the spray head, the system comprising means for assembling parts coming from each of the cavities of the first multi-cavity mold in pairs always with parts coming from a corresponding respective cavity of the second multi-cavity mold, such that the same insert is always assembled in the same spray head, thereby guaranteeing constant spraying performance for each dispenser device assembled from the same pair of cavities (Abstract; Figs. 1 and 2);

Office Action at page 2. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 is directed to a system structurally configured to mold and assemble a spray device with a first part being a spray head and the second part being an insert for assembling in said spray head.

In JP 10-175230, there is clearly no spray device, no spray head and no insert which is molded. Moreover, there is no second part which is assembled inside a first part, after molding. That is, the structure disclosed in this document is not configured as required by claim 1.

Indeed, it is clear from the drawings and the abstract that JP 10-175230 discloses a device to simultaneously mold two parts of a hollow item (see form of the cavities 17 and 18 on fig. 1). After said two parts have been molded, the rotary molds are rotated and both parts are superposed in a cavity 19. Then, resin is injected to form the hollow item by sealing said two

parts on their outer rim. This step is thus a further molding step, and not a simple assembly of one part inside the other as claimed.

Claim 1 is thus not anticipated by JP 10-175230 and the Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of this claim and claims dependent therefrom.

New Claims

For additional claim coverage merited by the scope of the invention, Applicant is adding new claims 13 and 14, which are allowable because the art does not teach or suggest a first mold comprising cavities for molding spray heads and a second mold comprising cavities for molding inserts configured to be assembled in the spray heads or means for assembling spray heads from the cavities of the first mold always with inserts from the second mold inserted in the spray heads, such that the same insert is always assembled in the same spray head.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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